Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Bert and Vera Smith began the celebration of life together as husband and wife in Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Eight; and,

WHEREAS, Their marriage has spanned half a century of service and devotion to their family, friends and neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Bert and Vera have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, On December 24 in Flandreau, South Dakota, there was an occasion of great joy and celebration as friends and loved ones gathered to honor Bert and Vera; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize and commemorate the memorable milestones in the lives of the State's outstanding citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 24, 1988, as

BERT AND VERA SMITH DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE